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Fig. 1 is a plan view of a portion of a pneumatic tread pattern indicated generally at 1, which includes a pair of shoulder ribs 2, a pair of intermediate ribs 3 and 4 and a center rib 5. Each rib 2 is formed by a plurality of tread blocks 6 separated by generally V-shaped grooves 7. If desired grooves 7 could be continuously curved or have multiple angles in addition to the double angle of the V-shape groove as shown. Each intermediate rib 3 and 4 is formed by a plurality of tread blocks 9 separated by laterally extending grooves 10. Center rib 5 is formed by a plurality of circumferentially spaced tread blocks 12 separated by lateral grooves 13. Circumferentially extending grooves 11 and 14 separate rib 3 from rib 5 and rib 4 from rib 5 respectively. The particular shapes of the tread blocks shown in Fig. 1 can vary without affecting the concept of the invention as well as the various directions and shapes of the intervening grooves. However, the leading and trailing edges of the tread blocks are symmetrical with respect to a radial plane which passes through a midpoint of the tread block as shown particularly in Figs. 2-5 and 9 of the drawings. Likewise, the various ribs can have the tread blocks integrally connected to form a continuous rib as opposed to the discontinuous figuration of the ribs as shown in Fig. 1. Ribs 2, 3, and 4 are spaced generally symmetrical about a mid-circumferential plane 15 of the tread pattern.

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